गयी है कि 8233 इंदौर-बिलासपुर एक्सप्रेस को निर्धारित समयक्रम के अनुसार चलाया जाये।

Disparity in road length

3509. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and Union Territories having more road length than the National average;

(b) what are the reasons for wide disparity, if any in relation to area and population of the States;

(c) whether Government have prepared any plan to remove the imbalances; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Central Govt. is primarily responsible for roads declared as National Highways only, and other roads are essentially the responsibility of the concerned State Govts. As far as National Highways are concerned, 12 States and Union Territories are having a higher kilometrage than the national average when compared in terms of area as well as population.

(b) to (d) Declaration of roads as new National Highways is done keeping in view the traffic/economic requirements of the country as a whole and not on the basis of any consideration of area, State, region or population.

Maintenance and repair of National Highways in Bihar

3510. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of all the National Highways passing through Bihar is very pathetic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that National Highway No. 31 is totally damaged and potholes have developed so much so that driving on the road has become hazardous particulary from Bihar Sarif to Nawadah;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government for the upkeep of National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) National Highways passing through Bihar are being kept generally in traffic-worthy condition within the availability of funds. On National Highway No. 31 from Bihar Sharif to Nawadah, improvement works and special repairs etc. have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 26.506 lakhs during the last two years.

(c) to (e) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuing process subject to availability of resources. During the last 3 years (1989-90 to 1991-92), flood damage/ special repair works costing Rs. 669.969 lakhs and improvement works costing Rs. 6431.050 lakhs have been sanctioned for various National Highways in Bihar, in addition to release of normal maintenance grant.

Publicity about bus services in Delhi

3511. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the routes where Greenlines, Red Lines and White Line services of DTC and State Transport Authority operating in Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to give wide publicity about the details of these services, especially regarding their starting and destination points, for the benefit of the commuters;